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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6569

BILL NUMBER: HB 1089

NOTE PREPARED: Dec 11, 2002

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Hiring Preference for Public Safety Survivors.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Kersey

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill requires a city fire department or a city or county police department to give a hiring preference according to the following priority: (1) A war veteran, (2) A person whose mother or father was a full-time, fully paid firefighter or police officer who died in the line of duty.

Effective Date: July 1, 2003.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: This bill requires city fire departments, city police departments, and county police departments to give hiring preference to the following: honorably discharged veterans; and those persons whose mother or father was a full-time, fully paid firefighter, municipal police officer, or county police officer who died in the line of duty, if one of these persons applies for a position and meets all physical and age requirements of the department.

City fire and police departments and county police departments could possibly experience an increase in administrative expenditures depending on their preference of implementation for this provision. Departments may find changes necessary on application forms. The fiscal impact would likely vary across departments.

Background- Currently, war veterans who have been honorably discharged from the United States armed forces are to be given hiring preference when applying and qualifying for a position within a city fire department. The Department of Veterans Affairs estimates that Indiana has approximately 546,500 veterans,

a majority of whom are honorably discharged. Almost 65% of the veteran population is estimated to be under the age of 65.

The state has approximately 114 city police departments having more than 4,500 full-time officers and 92 county police departments having more than 2,600 full-time officers. Of the 900 fire departments throughout the state, approximately 20% are full-time departments. Approximately 100 of the fire departments are city departments having more than 4,000 full-time officers. Since 1999, eleven public safety officers have died in the line of duty.

This bill does not make any provisions in relation to township fire departments.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: City and County Police Departments and City Fire Departments.

Information Sources: Indiana Law Enforcement Departments and Officers, (2001) Law Enforcement Training Board; Indiana Municipal Salaries, Wages & Fringe Benefits, (2002) Indiana Association of Cities and Towns.

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